

CORRECTION.  
The who keeps an alert eye on the post is not often misled by the present.  
The Columbia (Mo.) Statesman ad-  
vocates Dr. McAllister, of Boone coun-  
ty, for Governor.

EVERY man who starts a new party  
wants to put himself into office, which  
the old parties refuse to give him.

We find ourselves covetous of  
something we have not yet generally  
achieved a cure by recollecting what we  
have.

WHEN ECKELS is dead in Kansas  
it cannot be expected to be in a very  
lively condition anywhere else. Sen-  
ator Peffer admits that it is dead by  
advocating a new party.

The Republicans can enjoy their  
allotted expectations of carrying Ken-  
tucky and Maryland until the election  
is held. Then they will get their usual  
knockdown in both States.

It begins to look as though there  
are Democrats in this part of Missouri  
who would rather have themselves  
appointed to office than to have the  
State of National ticket elected.

DEANER is an old man and it is  
a cynical commentary upon his life that  
he gives in saying that all the years  
that he has lived he has not experi-  
enced more than twenty-four hours  
happiness.

MARY ELLEN LEASE has taken to  
the bicycle and sends broadcast  
word that it is the next thing to hav-  
ing wings. Is that as near as Mary  
comes to get to the beatific state re-  
ferred to?

PATRONIZE home institutions by  
sending your sons and daughters to the  
M. M. A. and Hardin College. You  
will keep your money at home and at  
the same time patronize the very  
best institutions.

A POLITICIAN is in favor of any-  
thing, right or wrong, if it will help  
him secure office. A statesman is  
in favor of principle and will always  
be found advocating what he thinks best  
for his party.

CYCLONES do not visit the vicinity  
of New York often. That may ac-  
count for it, if it does not excuse the  
silly manner in which its ravages were  
treated by some of the daily papers of  
that city.

Two Illinois scientists have dis-  
covered a natural telephone in the Garden  
of the Gods. Let it not be announced  
to the Bell, or it will not be worth  
a toll put upon the telephone, the  
garden and the gods themselves.

MARY TWIN paid heavily for his  
belief that he could be successful as a  
publisher as well as an author. Few  
men can do two things simultaneously  
and succeed in both, and seldom do  
they.

There should be at least fifty boys  
and girls of Audrain county attending  
the M. M. A. and Hardin college next  
session. These institutions are the  
very best in the country and should  
be liberally patronized by home peo-  
ple.

WHEN the proper time comes, the  
Mexico Edition will not be found want-  
ing anything," except stating facts  
which will make some politicians in  
this part of Missouri wish they had  
never been born. Facts will prove  
very "stubborn things."

The Mexico Southern Bank gives  
\$1000 a special premium for ten of  
biggest stalks of corn in Audrain  
county. The special premiums offered  
by the Mexico business men will be  
quite an attraction at the Mexico  
Fair. Any of the exhibits contesting  
for these premiums will be worth the  
price of admission.

It is today's LEEDEAR will be found  
a letter from Judge E. H. Norton, of  
Platte City, Mo. Judge Norton is one  
of Missouri's most substantial citizens,  
and a man whose word means some-  
thing. He wants no office and his  
letter has honest expression of an  
honest, well posted man.

THE farmers of Audrain County,  
after the present harvest, if nothing  
happens to the corn crop, will be in  
a most prosperous condition. A large  
proportion of them will be able to  
substantially improve their farms.  
The farm property in Audrain County  
now compares favorably with that  
of any other farming community in  
the country, but with good crops this  
year a large number of new homes and  
new barns will be erected.

THE following, from the Louisville  
Courier-Journal, in reference to Sen-  
ator Blackburn's position at this time  
on the currency question, is very sig-  
nificant and would indicate that he  
has changed over from his position of  
silver monometallism to bimetalism:  
"In the discussion of the currency  
question Senator Blackburn expressed  
himself in favor of the reorganization  
of the money laws from top to  
bottom. He is in favor of free and  
unlimited coinage of silver, but he  
does not insist on the ratio of 16 to 1.  
He is willing that the ratio may be 20  
or 30 to 1 to insure a parity between  
the metals."

## ECKELS ON FINANCE.

Comptroller of the Currency Says the  
Silver Question Is Wear-  
ing Out.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 18.—James C.  
Eckels, Jr., Comptroller of the Cur-  
rency, arrived from Washington to-  
day on route to Chicago, Ill., to be  
present at the wedding of Kenneth  
L. Landis, the late Secretary Greaham's private secretary.

"Did you see any visible sign on  
your trip," he was asked, "of the re-  
ported improvement in manufac-  
turing industries?"

"Coming through the iron districts  
in Pennsylvania," he replied, "I was  
astonished at the activity. From  
Harrisburg to Pittsburgh our train  
seemed to be running through a line  
of well equipped mills. Every one  
of which was in active operation,  
the same that told stronger than any  
words of industry and prosperity."

"Last week Bradstreet's reported  
that 1,000,000 wage earners had had  
their salaries increased within the  
past 11 days. I attribute this won-  
derful improvement entirely to the  
confidence that exists in the financial  
policy of the present administration.

The placing of the last loan of the  
Government by the New York bank-  
ers was a marvelous piece of financ-  
ing."

"All these things count hard for a  
basis of sound money, and have prick-  
ed the free silver bubble until it has  
about collapsed."

"What is your opinion regarding  
the great political parties declar-  
ing for silver in their national conven-  
tions?"

"Reports that come to me from the  
great financiers of the country, and I  
am sure that they ought to know, are  
to the effect that there is nothing to  
all this free silver talk, and every  
day goes to prove practically, not  
theoretically, that the basis of sound  
money is the only one that will stand.

I don't believe either the Republican  
or Democratic party will attempt to  
induce free silver, for it will be a  
dead issue before the national con-  
ventions are held."

"A Washington dispatch says that  
you have given the national banks in  
Illinois notice to send a statement of  
their finances. Is there any special  
significance in it at this time?"

"None whatever. I call for these  
about every ten weeks."

Run Down and Nervous.  
"I was run down, was nervous  
and had headaches. I purchased  
three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla  
and one box of Hood's Pills and took  
them, and now I feel like a new per-  
son." Rosa Koch, care M. P. Kennedy,  
Ladonia, Mo.

"Hood's Pills cure biliousness and in-  
dignation."

The Reason Why.  
To the Editor of the Ledger.  
Mexico, Mo., July 20.—In spite of  
the fact that the Mexico Edition  
published both Carlie's and Bryan's  
speeches, it has been taken to task  
for publishing perhaps a few more lines  
of one than it did of the other. As  
the writer understands the matter the  
Mexico Edition and other Democratic  
papers will publish the news.  
Did the Mexico Edition publish any  
part of any of Carlie's speeches?  
If not, why not?

A FAIR DEMOCRAT.  
The Mexico Edition endeavored to  
publish as much as possible of both  
Carlie's and Bryan's speeches. We  
have nothing to do with the affairs of  
our countrymen and we know  
about its reason for not publishing  
any part of Carlie's speech, although  
Carlie is Secretary of the National  
Treasury and a Democrat, is that we  
have information which we consider  
correct to the effect that our con-  
temporary did not publish his speech  
or any part of any of them because  
"they could not be answered."

The Ledger's Baby Show.  
Don't forget the LEEDEAR's baby  
show at the Mexico fair on Wed-  
nesday immediately after dinner.  
A fine silver cup will be presented to  
the prettiest baby and an elegant bo-  
quet to its mother. There have been  
a large number of entries  
in this ring and we understand the  
contest will be warmer than ever this  
year. There should be as many pret-  
ty babies at the Mexico Fair this  
year as fast horses, which is saying a  
good deal. Baby show open to the world.

The readers of the LEEDEAR will be  
glad to know that Dr. H. K. Hinde and  
family are thinking of returning to  
Mexico to reside permanently.  
Miss Mattie Blanton, daughter of  
Prot. J. P. Blanton, of Columbia, Mo.,  
is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. T. P.  
Rothwell, of this city.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Gives Nerve  
Strength and Bodily Health.

Hood's Pills are "Much in Little."  
I have used Hood's Pills for many years and consider  
them the best on the market. Hood's Sar-  
saparilla has given me health and strength  
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## "Sound Money."

CONGRESSMAN PATTERSON, OF  
TENNESSEE, THINKS DEMO-  
CRATS WILL ADOPT IT.

He Thinks the Democratic Campaign  
Will Be Made on a Tariff-Re-  
form-Gold Standard  
Platform.

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.  
Congressman Josiah Patterson, of  
Memphis, Tenn., is at the Planters.  
He came to St. Louis to deliver a lec-  
ture on sound money at Entertain-  
ment Hall Thursday night. He is the  
father of the Memphis sound money  
convention, and has been speaking all  
over the South.

Mr. Patterson is large and portly,  
with a complexion tending to the  
florid, and sanguine temperament,  
especially when he talks on sound  
money. His views on the future of  
the gold standard are rosate. He  
believes the Democratic party is  
in its national platform come out  
squarely for it, while the Republicans,  
he thinks, will evade it. On a gold  
standard and tariff reform platform  
he expects the Democrats to win. He  
frankly admits that by sound money  
he means a gold standard, and to this  
he insists that the Democracy will  
come at last.

"I have been speaking in a good  
many States of the South during the  
last sixty days," said Mr. Patterson  
to a Post-Dispatch reporter, "and in all  
of them the sound money sentiment  
is growing. I spoke in Atlanta, Ga.,  
July 4, Augusta the 5th and Savannah  
the 6th. Since then I have been home,  
but before that I spoke in Mississippi  
eleven times, in Alabama three times,  
in Kentucky four, in Texas once, once  
in Louisiana and five or six times in  
Tennessee."

"There has been a very great change  
in all of these States," continued Mr.  
Patterson confidently. "Now, take  
Mississippi. Two months ago public  
opinion was practically unanimous in  
favor of the proposition of 16 to 1.  
Since that time there have been very  
marked changes. When I went to  
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## EXPECT TO BE INDICTED.

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HANNIBAL, Mo., July 17.—That Dr.  
and Mrs. Hearne will be indicted for  
the murder of Amos J. Stillwell now  
seems certain. Not only the doctor,  
but his attorney, E. W. Hendrick, ad-  
mits it; they deny its justice. The ex-  
act status of the case was explained to  
a Republic reporter by Judge Hen-  
drick this evening in an interview in  
which he said:

"I do not like to charge a conspiracy,  
but that there is a conspiracy is evi-  
dent. DeYoung is using all the money  
and influence he can to thwart the  
ends of justice. The way this case has  
been managed is simply to raise pre-  
judice to the point where Dr.  
Hearne and his wife will be indicted  
for the murder of Mr. Stillwell. The  
indictment against Dr. Hearne is a great  
injury to him as well as to me, but De-  
Young now wants to make a case to  
bear on the libel suit. The Grand Jury  
has continued the session to August 17.  
The libel case comes up August 19.  
I am sure Dr. Hearne is under in-  
dictment August 17 it will be a great  
effect upon the libel suit. This opin-  
ion of Judge Hendrick that there will  
be an indictment seems to be the  
opinion of the entire community. To  
make a case against the Hearnes seems  
to be the one thing sought. Whether  
he is just in the desire or not is  
a question to be proven."

As it was feared that some of the  
interested parties might resort to arms  
on account of bitter feeling, it was de-  
cided that those who entered the court  
room to-day should be searched.  
The first witness called was Richard  
H. Stillwell, Judge Hendrick saying he  
wanted him to face his stepmother.  
Mr. Stillwell took the stand shortly  
after 10 o'clock.

In reference to Mrs. Hayward the  
witness said his stepmother and Mrs.  
Hayward were intimate friends, and  
that she probably felt it her duty to  
advise Mrs. Stillwell as to her course  
of action. "I know," he went on to  
say, "that my father's wife was trying  
to coax him into an overt act in order  
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lied money. My father was a very  
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## The Blood on the Wagon.

TAYLOR'S ATTORNEYS WILL AD-  
MIT THAT IT WAS NOT  
RED PAINT.

The Defense and the State Will Each  
Have About One Hundred and  
Fifty Witnesses on Hand—  
Ready for a Sec-  
ond Trial.

CARROLLTON, Mo., July 18.—After a  
consultation of 48 hours, the attorneys  
for the defense in the second trial of  
the Taylor brothers, charged with the  
murder of the Meeks family, came in  
to court at 9 o'clock last night and  
answered ready in this way: Col.  
John B. Hale, leading counsel for the  
defense, asked the court to grant an  
order giving time to take the depositions  
of several witnesses living in  
Lincoln and Sullivan counties, who are  
said to be in the hands of the State  
officers, and to the State officers, in charge  
of the prosecution, offered no objection,  
saying that he was willing the Tay-  
lors should have all the witnesses  
they wanted.

Judge Rucker then granted the or-  
der, and the depositions of the follow-  
ing witnesses, to be taken next Mon-  
day: Mrs. Ed. Fowler, Mrs. W. E.  
Chittum, Mrs. Anna McDonald and  
Mrs. Mary Leonard. The defense in-  
tended to strengthen its proof on an  
alibi by some of these witnesses.

Judge Rucker then instructed Sher-  
iff Stanley to summon 300 men as a  
venue from which to select a jury,  
and the men are to report in court at  
1 o'clock p. m. next Monday. Tuesday  
and Wednesday will probably be  
taken up in selecting a panel of 50.  
According to the new law in this  
State only 24 hours can be occupied  
in selecting a jury from the panel. So,  
it may be Thursday morning of next  
week before the jury of 12 is selected  
and the taking of testimony begins.

The defense will have 150 witnesses  
and the State about the same number  
in this trial, which is expected to last  
for ten days.

It is generally understood that the  
attorneys for the defense did not wish  
to go to trial at this term of court, but  
that the Taylor brothers were bent on  
having a new trial immediately, and  
all the persuasive arguments of their  
attorneys could not change their minds.

"These Taylor brothers have more  
money than I would have if placed in  
their position," said one of the at-  
torneys for the defense to a reporter.  
"One would naturally think that de-  
lay would be to their advantage, but  
both are determined to go to trial now."

Col. Taylor made the remark: "I  
was to go to trial now. If there is  
any hanging to be done, let it be done  
as soon as possible. I might just as  
well hang one time as another. To-  
h-I with delay."

The Taylors have spent 7 months in  
jail here, but they do not appear to  
be suffering from their confinement.  
Both are looking well. George has  
shaved off his full beard, and now  
wears a heavy mustache and black  
sideburns.

It is said the State will produce  
eighteen witnesses at this trial to  
give testimony on one point alone,  
and that is that they saw blood on the  
wagon that was driven from the straw  
stack to George Taylor's barnyard,  
and which is said to have carried the  
dead bodies of the Meeks family.

The defense at the other trial attempted  
to prove that the red spots on the  
wagon bed were made by red paint;  
but this time the defense will admit  
that blood was on the wagon, but  
it was hogs' blood and not human blood.

Col. A. W. Myers, of Brookfield, at-  
torney for the defense, who is under  
indictment for the charge of bribery at  
the former trial, has not dropped out  
of this case, as has been reported.  
However, he was not present in court  
here yesterday, and he does not seem  
to be displaying so much energy as  
before in the case.

Five Farm Lists.  
Wm. Keck, who sold the D. D.  
Woodward farm, just north of Mexico,  
to Jacob Schopp for \$36 an acre. This  
is a fine farm and sold very reasonable.  
There is about 161 acres and the  
transaction was a cash one. The prob-  
ability is that real estate in Audrain  
county will enjoy quite a boom this  
fall. No better investment can be  
made than to buy farming land in this  
county.

Since 1878 there have been nine epi-  
demics of dysentery in different parts  
of the country. In 1878 it was in  
Chico, Cholera and Diarrhoea. Remedy  
was used with perfect success.  
Dysentery, when epidemic, is almost  
as severe and dangerous as Asiatic  
cholera. Heretofore the best efforts  
of the most skilled physicians have  
failed to check its ravages, this remedy,  
however, has cured the most malig-  
nant cases, both of children and adults,  
and under the most trying conditions,  
which proves it to be the best medi-  
cine in the world for bowel com-  
plaints. For sale by C. A. Buckner,  
drugist.

Duns on Postal Cards.  
The following from the Kansas City  
Star may prove of interest to col-  
lectors, business men and others:  
"B. S. Robinson, an agent for  
East Twelfth street installment house,  
was arrested yesterday for using a  
postal card to notify one of his cus-  
tomers that a bill was due. The com-  
plaining witness was Mr. L. Shepherd  
of Centropolis, who had purchased  
household goods on installment from  
Robinson. Robinson gave bond for  
his appearance before Judge Phillips  
in the United States district court.  
The law which prohibits the use of  
postal cards for collecting bills is fre-  
quently violated. A recent ruling of  
the Attorney General is to the effect  
that sending a notice that taxes are  
due is a violation of the law. If it  
should be enforced several hundred  
county and city treasurers through-  
out the country would find themselves  
in the hands of the government to  
answer for a very large number of  
offenses."

Misses Emma and Minnie Cauthorn  
are home from an extended visit to  
relatives in Kentucky. The cousin,  
Miss Norma Smith, of Cincinnati,  
accompanied them home on a visit.

Born, to Mr. and J. T. Crews, of this  
county, a son.

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